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# **BOOK REVIEWS**

### AND PAMPHLETS RECEIVED

Empire and Armament. By Jennings U. Wise. G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York City. 1915. 351 p. \$1.50.

American imperialism and its dangers form the theme of this discussion of the question of military preparedness, one of the first presentations of the argument for increased defensive force which can be said to be written from a reasonable and non-partisan point of view. Prof. Wise has brought the analytical faculty of a close student of political science and international law to bear on past tendencies of American policy. He reverses the usual logic of the advocate of preparedness, contending that the United States is in peril, not because it is unselfish and unaggressive, but because it has followed throughout a really offensive course of self-interested foreign policy that has caused antagonism. He considers "adequate defense" necessary as a basis for security while we are reconsidering our policies, which, he shows, should aim to remove the real cause of possible war.

The Challenge of the Future. By Roland G. Usher. Houghton, Mifflin Co., Boston and New York. 1916. 349 p. \$1.75 net.

With this new volume on the problems of national interest, armament, and foreign policies, Prof. Usher will make many Americans angry, but it must be confessed that he will also make them think. It is plain to foresee that his present book will make the author one of the most disagreed-with men in America. In his earlier works on "Pan Americanism," "The Rise of the American People," and "Pan Germanism" Prof. Usher displayed a faculty of original and thought-provoking analysis of international problems. His latest work brings this faculty to bear upon the immediate issues of diplomacy and preparedness facing the United States. Upon an argument that this nation must recognize fundamental economic and military handicaps which render it impossible to think of quickly making it a dominant world force, he bases such startling suggestions as the necessity of alliance with Great Britain with her controlling navy and merchant marine, the concession of the control of the Pacific to Japan in exchange for denial of citizenship rights in America, the renunciation of the Monroe Doctrine and much of Pan Americanism, and an insistence upon supremacy and first rights in Central America. Few readers will accept the writer's premises or conclusions, but they will find his chapters an excellent mental stimulant and a clarifier of their own views and of their reasons for holding them.

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